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1. Opening of the session.
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3. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
4. Adoption of the provisional agenda and other organizational matters.
5. Election of other officers.
6. Opening remarks.
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Letter dated 21 June 2006 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

Thank you for your letter dated 15 June 2006 in which you invited the President of the Security Council to make a statement at the constituting meeting of the Peacebuilding Commission on Friday, 23 June 2006. I am happy to inform you that the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark, Per Stig Møller, will deliver a statement.

The Security Council is one of the main recipients of advice from the Peacebuilding Commission, and it is essential to establish close ties between the two bodies. In that respect and in accordance with paragraph 12 of its resolution 1645 (2005), the Security Council would like to request the advice of the Peacebuilding Commission on the situations in Burundi and Sierra Leone.

The two countries have already expressed their desire to be considered by the Peacebuilding Commission.

Awaiting the selection of the chair of the Peacebuilding Commission, I would appreciate it if you would circulate the present letter to the members of the Organizational Committee.

(*Signed*) Ellen Margrethe **Løj**
President of the Security Council

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Provisional rules of procedure of the Peacebuilding Commission, as adopted by the Organizational Committee at its first meeting on 23 June 2006

Rule 1
Chairperson

(a) The Peacebuilding Commission consists of various configurations: the Organizational Committee and country-specific meetings.

(b) The membership of the Organizational Committee shall select the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Peacebuilding Commission from among its members for a term of one year. Due consideration shall be given to criteria included in General Assembly resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005), including representation from all regional groups.[1]

(c) The Chairperson or the Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission shall preside over both the Organizational Committee and the country-specific meetings, unless the Organizational Committee decides otherwise.

Rule 2
Sessions and meetings

(a) The Organizational Committee shall meet, as required, on invitation of the Chairperson acting in consultation with the members of the Organizational Committee, to fulfil the responsibilities, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005), including, inter alia, the setting of the agenda, issuing of invitations for country-specific meetings and review of the annual report.

(b) Country-specific meetings shall be convened as necessary.

[1] This does not prejudge the number of Vice-Chairpersons. Representation from all regional groups could be realized over several terms of the Peacebuilding Commission.

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(c) Meetings of the Peacebuilding Commission shall be held in public or private, as appropriate. Decisions on whether a meeting shall be held in public or private shall be taken by the Chairperson in consultation with the members of the respective configuration.

(d) For each meeting of the Peacebuilding Commission, the respective Chairperson, assisted, as required, by the Peacebuilding Support Office, will prepare a draft agenda.

(e) Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish shall be both the official and the working languages of the Peacebuilding Commission.

Rule 3
Agenda

The agenda of the Peacebuilding Commission shall be established by the Organizational Committee, in accordance with paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005). The Chairperson of the Peacebuilding Commission will, as appropriate, consult with those requesting advice, in accordance with paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005).

Rule 4
Participation

(a) Mindful of the intergovernmental character of the Peacebuilding Commission, members of the Commission and participants, in accordance with paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 of General Assembly resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005), shall be given the opportunity to participate fully and equally in the discussions of the Commission in a flexible and interactive manner.

(b) The Chairperson of the Peacebuilding Commission shall, in consultation with its members, provide on a regular basis for consultation with representatives of civil society, non-governmental organizations, including women's organizations, and the private sector engaged in peacebuilding activities, as appropriate. To ensure this, the Peacebuilding Commission shall develop further details and modalities.

Rule 5
Conclusions

For meetings of the Peacebuilding Commission, the Chairperson shall, where appropriate, present conclusions and recommendations agreed by consensus among the Member States of the respective configuration.

Rule 6
Review

These provisional rules of procedure shall be further developed and reviewed in the light of the practical work of the Commission, as necessary.

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1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
2. Election of officers.
3. Requests submitted to the Organizational Committee.
4. Draft report of the Peacebuilding Commission.

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1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Consideration by the Organizational Committee of the designation of the Chair for the country-specific meetings on Sierra Leone.
3. Request for Canada to address the country-specific meeting on Sierra Leone at its meeting on 13 December.

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Letter dated 30 January 2007 from the Chairman of the Peacebuilding Commission to the members of the Organizational Committee

The Chairman of the Peacebuilding Commission established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005) presents his compliments to the members of the Organizational Committee of the Commission and has the honour to transmit herewith, for their consideration, a letter dated 19 January from the Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania, requesting that the United Republic of Tanzania continue its membership in the country-specific configuration on Burundi (see annex). You will recall that the membership of the United Republic of Tanzania in the Organizational Committee — and thereby also in the country-specific configurations — expired with its membership in the Security Council on 31 December 2006.

The Chairman wishes to advise that unless he hears to the contrary by 5 p.m. on Friday, 2 February 2007, he will take it that the members of the Organizational Committee have no objection to the request contained in the above-mentioned letter. Should the Committee have no objection, the United Republic of Tanzania will be invited to participate in the joint country-specific meeting to be held on 5 February 2007.

(*Signed*) Ismael Abraão **Gaspar Martins**

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Annex

Letter dated 19 January 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Peacebuilding Commission

The membership of the United Republic of Tanzania in the Security Council came to an end on 31 December 2006. As you know, our membership in the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission also expired with our membership in the Council.

In view of Tanzania's continuing interest as a neighbour in the peacebuilding phase in Burundi, particularly with respect to the repatriation of refugees, it would like to remain a member of the country-specific configuration on Burundi of the Peacebuilding Commission.

(*Signed*) Dr. Augustine P. **Mahiga**
Ambassador

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Letter dated 15 February 2007 from the Chairman of the Peacebuilding Commission to the members of the Organizational Committee

The Chairman of the Peacebuilding Commission established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005) presents his compliments to the members of the Organizational Committee of the Commission and has the honour to transmit herewith, for their consideration, a letter dated 8 February 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Denmark, requesting that Denmark continue its membership of the country-specific configuration on Burundi (see annex). You will recall that the membership of Denmark in the Organizational Committee — and thereby also in the country-specific configurations — expired with its membership in the Security Council on 31 December 2006.

The Chairman wishes to advise that unless he hears to the contrary by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 21 February 2007, he will take it that the members of the Organizational Committee have no objection to the request contained in the above-mentioned letter. Should the Commission have no objection, Denmark will be invited to participate in the next country-specific meeting on Burundi, to be held on 27 February 2007.

(*Signed*) Ismael Abraão **Gaspar Martins**

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Annex

Letter dated 8 February 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Peacebuilding Commission

I am writing to you in your capacity as Chairman of the Peacebuilding Commission.

As you know, Denmark has taken a keen interest in the establishment of the Commission and has participated actively in its meetings in 2006 as a member of the Organizational Committee.

Denmark would like to continue to contribute to the important peacebuilding efforts that have been launched by the Commission, in particular as regards Burundi, and hereby requests to continue its participation in the country-specific configuration on Burundi.

Please bring this request to the attention of the members of the Commission at the next meeting of the Organizational Committee.

(*Signed*) Lars **Faaborg-Andersen**

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1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Endorsement of the calendar of the Commission.
3. Discussion of a paper on integrated peacebuilding strategies.
4. Arrangements for field trips by the Commission.
5. Any other business.

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1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Outline of the report of the Peacebuilding Commission to the General Assembly.
3. Procedure for selection of the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Commission.
4. Update on the progress made by the Ad Hoc Working Group on Pending Issues.
5. Other matters.

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1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Adoption of the provisional guidelines for the participation of civil society in meetings of the Peacebuilding Commission.
3. Other matters.

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Letter dated 4 June 2007 from the Chairperson of the Peacebuilding Commission to the members of the Organizational Committee

The Chairperson of the Peacebuilding Commission, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005), presents his compliments to the members of the Organizational Committee of the Commission and has the honour to transmit for their consideration a letter dated 30 April 2007 from the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, in which he requests that the Commonwealth become a member of the Commission's country-specific meetings on Sierra Leone (see annex). The letter highlights the fact that the work of the Commonwealth in Sierra Leone since 1961 has focused on the promotion and protection of the culture and institutions of democracy and on sustainable development as aligned to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

The Chairperson wishes to advise that, unless he receives indication to the contrary by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 5 June 2007, he will take it that the members of the Organizational Committee have no objection to the request contained in the letter from the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth. Should the Committee have no objection, the Commonwealth will be invited to participate in the Commission's upcoming country-specific meetings on Sierra Leone under paragraph 7 (e) of General Assembly resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005).

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Annex

Letter dated 30 April 2007 from the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth to the Chairperson of the Peacebuilding Commission

I have appreciated our correspondence concerning Sierra Leone, where there is evidently scope for collaboration between the Commonwealth and the United Nations.

Sierra Leone has been a valued member of the Commonwealth since it joined our organization in 1961 upon attaining independence. Since then, our work in that country has focused on the Commonwealth's two principal pillars of activity — our promotion and protection of the culture and institutions of democracy, and our commitment to sustainable development as aligned in more recent times to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

The Commonwealth has a standing invitation to participate in the work and sessions of the General Assembly, and therefore looks forward to attending public meetings of the Peacebuilding Commission in future.

In addition, with specific reference to the potential for synergy and coordination of the work of the United Nations and the Commonwealth in Sierra Leone, and also mindful of Security Council resolution 1645 and General Assembly resolution 60/180, I propose and request that the Commonwealth become a member of the Commission's country-specific configuration on Sierra Leone. I am pleased to note that this proposal enjoys the warm endorsement of President Ahmad Tejan Kabbah and his Government.

(*Signed*) Don **McKinnon**

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Provisional guidelines for the participation of civil society in meetings of the Peacebuilding Commission, submitted by the Chairperson on the basis of informal consultations*

In conformity with General Assembly resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005) and as envisaged in the rules of procedure of the Peacebuilding Commission, the guidelines for the participation of civil society in meetings of the Peacebuilding Commission are set out below.

I. General principles

1. The Peacebuilding Commission recognizes the important contribution of civil society, including non-governmental organizations and the private sector, to all stages of peacebuilding efforts, given that one of the main purposes of the Commission is to bring together all relevant actors, in particular national stakeholders.

2. The Commission reaffirms the important role of women and women's organizations in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and in peacebuilding, and stresses the importance of their equal participation and full involvement in all relevant peacebuilding efforts.

3. The Commission, in consultation with the Governments of the countries under consideration, shall encourage and ensure greater participation of civil society organizations and representatives from the countries under consideration.

4. Bearing in mind that circumstances are specific to each country under consideration and also that there is no single model for organizing meetings in country-specific configurations, this process should be transparent, flexible and inclusive of all relevant parties.

* The proposed guidelines would apply to meetings of the Peacebuilding Commission other than in the Organizational Committee configuration and are not intended to create a precedent for other organs of the United Nations.

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5. In recognition of the intergovernmental nature of the Commission, active participation of civil society organizations and representatives therein, while welcome, does not entail a negotiating role.

II. Modalities of attendance and participation

6. The attendance and participation of civil society organizations and representatives in the work of the Commission shall be regulated through different modalities, as set out below.

A. Formal meetings

7. The Chairperson of the Organizational Committee or the Coordinator for the respective country-specific configuration, in consultation with the members of the Organizational Committee, shall invite representatives of civil society organizations that are actively engaged in peacebuilding activities to make oral statements and provide information, as may be needed, that could contribute to the work of the Commission on specific matters within the scope of their activities pertaining to integrated strategies for post-conflict peacebuilding.

8. Prior to extending invitations, the Chairperson or the Coordinator for the respective country-specific configuration shall circulate to the members of the Organizational Committee the names of civil society organizations and representatives whose participation is proposed, together with available background information on the basis of the elements contained in annex I.

9. The inclusion of civil society organizations and representatives in the list of participants shall be guided by the principles provided for in annex II. Should a member raise an objection to the participation of a given organization or representative, the Chairperson or the Coordinator for the respective country-specific configuration shall engage in consultations with the aim of reaching consensus on the final list no later than seven working days before the meeting, taking into account logistical circumstances. The list shall include self-selected civil society representatives from the country under consideration.

10. In this regard, the Commission shall encourage civil society organizations from the country under consideration to nominate representatives for inclusion in the list of participants through a local and independent self-selecting process, and shall encourage the participation of those representatives in the national delegation.

B. Informal meetings

11. The Chairperson shall encourage relevant actors to interact and provide input to technical-level informal discussions of specific sectoral areas or thematic topics that may be organized outside the formal country-specific configuration.

12. Prior to formal meetings of country-specific configurations, the Coordinator for the respective country-specific configuration, in consultation with the Chairperson and members of the Organizational Committee, shall convene public informal meetings with representatives of civil society organizations to exchange

views on peacebuilding issues relevant to the country under consideration. The Chairperson shall prepare a summary of discussion for submission to the respective country-specific configuration.

13. Following formal meetings of country-specific configurations, the Coordinator for the respective country-specific configuration, in consultation with the Chairperson and members of the Organizational Committee, may convene public informal briefings with representatives of civil society organizations engaged in peacebuilding activities in the country under consideration in order to further exchange views on areas in which those organizations could contribute to the implementation of, and follow-up to, recommendations adopted at the formal meetings of the respective country-specific configuration. The Coordinator for the respective country-specific configuration shall prepare a summary of discussion for submission to the respective country-specific configuration.

C. Submission of written documents

14. The Chairperson may receive written comments, observations or statements and, with the support of the Coordinator for the respective country-specific configuration and the Peacebuilding Support Office, shall make every effort to ensure that written submissions relevant to the work of the Commission are made available to the members of the respective country-specific configuration no later than one week prior to meetings on the subject under review.

III. Review

15. The present guidelines shall be subject to review and evaluation six months from the date of their adoption by the Organizational Committee with a view to exploring the possibility of their further development in the light of progress in the work and functions of the Commission.

Annex I

For the purpose of reaching consensus on the list of participants, the Chairperson, with the support of the Coordinator for the respective configuration and the Peacebuilding Support Office, shall also circulate to the members of the Organizational Committee available background information on the following:

(a) An overview of the organization, its purposes, constitution and/or mission statement, or similar documents;

(b) A summary of the current programmes and activities of the organization undertaken in areas relevant to the work of the Commission and the country or countries in which they have been carried out during the preceding year;

(c) The organization's sources of funding;

(d) Members of the governing body of the organization and their nationalities, including a brief biography of the organization's representative.

Annex II

The inclusion of civil society organizations and representatives on the list of participants shall be guided by the following principles:

(a) The organization shall have a democratic and transparent decision-making process, and shall operate in accordance with the laws regulating the activities of civil society in the country of origin and in the country under consideration, as appropriate;

(b) The organization and representative shall be active in areas that are of direct relevance to the work of the Commission and can provide specific expertise and experience in peacebuilding upon which the Commission may wish to draw in consultations;

(c) The aims and purposes of the organization shall be in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

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3. Other matters.

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